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	Zakiya N. Walker	3672
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4) ☐ Claim(s) 1-197 is/are pending in the application 4a) Of the above claim(s) 104-197 is/are withdr 5) ☐ Claim(s) is/are allowed. 6) ☐ Claim(s) See Continuation Sheet is/are rejected 7) ☐ Claim(s) 9-16,23,24,28-36,40-42,46,50,51,56,68 8) ☐ Claim(s) are subject to restriction and/or	awn from consideration. d. 60,61,63-69,75,76,82-84,89,90 a.	nd 93-98 is/are objected to.
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9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner 10) The drawing(s) filed on is/are: a) access Applicant may not request that any objection to the of Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction of the original than the correction of the contraction of the con	epted or b) objected to by the larawing(s) be held in abeyance. See on is required if the drawing(s) is ob	e 37 CFR 1.85(a). sected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
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12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign a) All b) Some * c) None of: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents 2. Certified copies of the priority documents 3. Copies of the certified copies of the prioric application from the International Bureau * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of	have been received. have been received in Applicati ty documents have been receive (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).	on No ed in this National Stage
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Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims rejected are 1-8,17-22,25-27,37-39,43-45,47-49,52-55,57-59,62,70-74,77-81,85-88,91,92 and 99-103.

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- Claims 1-103, drawn to method of cementing, classified in class 166, subclass 293.
- Claims 104-197, drawn to cement composition, classified in class 106, subclass 608.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

- 2. Inventions II and I are related as product and process of use. The inventions can be shown to be distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) the process for using the product as claimed can be practiced with another materially different product or (2) the product as claimed can be used in a materially different process of using that product (MPEP § 806.05(h)). In the instant case the product as claimed can be used in a different process.
- 3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.
- 4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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5. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

- 6. During a telephone conversation with Craig W. Roddy on 12/16/04 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of group I, claims 1-103. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claims 104-197 withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.
- 7. Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Specification

- 8. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because the term "the present invention" is cited in lines 1, 3-4, and 6-7. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).
- 9. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The

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abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

10. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 11. Claims 1-8, 17-22, 25-27, 37-39, 43-45, 47-49, 52-55, 57-59, 62, 70-74, 77-81, 85-88, 91, 92, and 99-103 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Persinski et al.

Persinski et al. discloses a method a method of cementing in a subterranean formation comprising: providing a cement composition comprising a cement comprising an API cement, water, and a set retarder composition, the set retarder composition comprising: an acrylamide polymer derivative (2-acrylamido-2-methylpropane sulfonic acid), and an iron compound (ferrous ammonium sulfate); placing the cement composition into the subterranean formation; and permitting the cement composition to set therein. With respect to depending claims 2-8,17-22, 25-27, 37-39, and 43-45, the method teaches the limitations as claimed. With respect to claim 47, the method teaches a method of cementing in a subterranean formation comprising: providing a cement composition comprising a cement comprising a cement, water, and a set retarder composition, the

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set retarder composition comprising: a lignin-based retarder (calcium lignosulfonate ferrochrome lignosulfonate), and an iron compound; placing the cement composition into the subterranean formation; and permitting the cement composition to set therein. With respect to depending claims 48, 49, 52-55, 57-59, 62, and 70, the method teaches the limitations as claimed. With respect to claim 71, the method teaches a method of retarding the set time of a cement composition comprising: adding a set retarder composition to a cement composition, the set retarder composition comprising an acrylamide polymer derivative, and an iron compound; placing the cement composition into the subterranean formation; and permitting the cement composition to set therein. With respect to depending claims 72-74 and 77, the method teaches the limitations as claimed. With respect to claim 78, the method teaches a method of preparing a cement composition comprising: preblending a set retarder composition that comprises an acrylamide polymer derivative and an iron compound; and preparing a cement composition that comprises the set retarder composition, a cement, and water, subsequent to preblending the set retarder composition. With respect to depending claims 79-81, 85-88, 91, 92, and 99-103, the method teaches the limitations as claimed.

Allowable Subject Matter

12. Claims 9-16, 23, 24, 28-36, 40-42, 46, 50, 51, 56, 60, 61, 63-69, 75, 76, 82-84, 89, 90, and 93-98 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

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Conclusion

- 13. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Cowan and Childs et al. teach cement methods using lignin-based compound and an iron-based compound. Hubner et al. teaches a cement method using acrylamide and iron-based compounds.
- 14. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zakiya N. Walker whose telephone number is (703) 305-0302. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday, 6:30 AM-5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Bagnell can be reached on (703) 308-2151. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http://pair-direct.uspto.gov. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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